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1. The attached material is a potpourri of miscellaneous reports, draft reports, cables, notes and intercepts originated by a variety of U.S. and non-U.S. offices on FERNAND J. MUELLER, EMIL FRIDOLIN HOFFMANN and HANS VON RUCKEN. This material has been drawn from both the BERL files in NICOX and from our own files. We realize that much of this information may already be in your hands, some of it having originated with NICOX Berlin or with the Berlin Base, but we are forwarding it, nevertheless, for the sake of completeness and in case you do not have a record of them in your own files.

2. Up to date we have not been able to collect any information on one KURT DOENGLING. Our own files contain no trace of the person. However, we have been advised by SERD that they are searching their files and will inform us shortly whether or not they have any material on the man.

3. The following material is attached to this dispatch:

A. Fernand J. Mueller (Attachment A)

a. Three CIC intercepts numbered 52 BC 51452, 52 BC 64205, and 52 BC 64206.

b. Photostat of an EBRD draft dispatch dated 29 January 1953. Attached to this dispatch is a translation of an intercepted letter from the ALBATROSS CO. to Mueller, dated 17 December 1952.

c. Photostat of EBRD dispatch (NICOX 2140) dated 23 January 1953.

B. Emil Fridolin Hoffmann (Attachment B)

a. Photostat of Personality Report prepared by CIC.

b. Photostat of Personality Information Report, dated 17 April 1952, prepared by DEUTSCHE AUSKUNFT.

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c. Photostat of ~~REND~~ dispatch (HICOG 720) dated 16 September 1952.

d. HICOG Information Memorandum No. 105 dated 17 April 1952.

e. Photostat of draft ~~REND~~ dispatch. We do not know exact date of this dispatch but should judge by the contents that it was written in the summer of 1952. We do not believe that this dispatch was ever forwarded by HICOG to the Department.

f. Copy of ~~REND~~ dispatch (HICOG 722) dated 15 September 1952.

g. HICOG, Berlin dispatch No. 865 dated 6 May 1952.

h. HICOG, Berlin dispatch No. 770 dated 13 March 1952.

i. HICOG, Berlin dispatch No. 752 dated 5 March 1952.

j. SO 102386, distributed 17 December 1952.

k. MGL-19549, prepared 8 August 1952.

l. MGB-13809, distributed 3 July 1952.

m. MGL-18288, prepared 25 April 1952.

n. CIC Intercepts 52 BS 54841, 52 BS 54606, 52 BS 54562.

C. Hans von Keelam (Attachment C)

a. HICOG cable dated 11 October 1951. Attached to the cable is a photostat copy of a contract drawn up by Keelam with DIA.

b. Photostat of a CIC Intelligence Report dated 11 June 1951.

c. Draft Report dated 28 March 1952 prepared by this base. The content of this Report is based on intercepts, ~~TRUSSA~~ material and material from the Berlin Zollfahndungsdienst.

d. MGB-13143, date of information: 1 February 1952.

e. HICOG, Berlin dispatch No. 472 dated 17 December 1951.

f. SO-97704 distributed 17 October 1952.

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- g. Photostat copies of a number of TPIBBER reports.
- h. Photostat copies of two Kollfahndungsdienst reports, i.e., November 1951 Activity Report and the February 1952 Activity Report.
- i. CIB intercept photostat SI DS 34230.

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HOFFMANN, Emil Fridolin CONTINUATION
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CASE NO.

1. NAME HOFFMANN, Emil Fridolin BT

THE HOFFMANN GROUP

Emil Fridolin Hoffmann, former German Economic Attache at Bucharest, with connections with the Nauheimer Kreis of neutralists, falls to a large extent into the more traditional mould of a lobbyist. He maintains an office at Nymphenburgerstrasse 2, Berlin/Schoenberg where he contacts the Soviet Economic Mission in East Berlin and the East China Export Corporation. He has excellent contacts in the Ministry of Economics and in the German Foreign Office.

HOFFMAN'S most important ministerial contact is Dr. Matthias Schmidt of the Planning Department (Plannungsabteilung) of the Federal Ministry of Economics. Through him Hoffmann facilitates triangular East-West trade through Sweden. It is reported that HOFFMANN has benefitted through Schmidt's responsibility for the allocation of German foreign exchange.

HOFFMANN'S support comes from 250 firms which he claims to represent, among them filmfabrik Perutz, AEG, Faber Castell, and the Chemische Werke Huels, a subsidiary of I. G. Farben holdings. Much of Hoffmann's influence derives from the known extent of his East contacts. He is supported in his work by Dr. Alfred Kroth, a brilliant economist and lawyer, influential in the Ruhr, and a managing partner of the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaft West-Ost Duesseldorf, a trading association closely allied with trade units in the Russian zone Government.

SO- State HICCG-Bonn, Despatch # 2993, 10 April 1953-secret.